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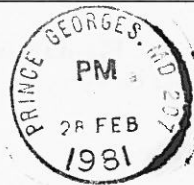
You may have noticed that this issue of **The RECORD** is number 21 - the first issue to carry such a number. The Editor has determined that twenty issues preceded this one, as follows: No. 1 (apparently published in 1963 with the lead article entitled "History of the Fifth District of Charles County"; No. 2 (apparently published in 1964) "Our Heritage"; No. 3, April, 1965 "Southern Maryland During the War of 1812"; No. 4, December, 1965 "Charles Countians Who Have Served in Congress"; No. 5, November, 1966 "Essay"; No. 6, January 1968 "Charles County Court Houses"; No. 7, Spring, 1969 "Charles Calvert's House in the Manor of Zekiah, Charles Co., Md."; No. 8, Spring, 1970 "Trials of Josias Fendall"; No. 9, Fall, 1970 "Maryland's Revolutionary Leaders Who Came From Charles County"; No. 10, May 1976 "Mt. Pleasant: A Representative Example of Late Eighteenth Architecture in Charles County, Maryland"; No. 11, October, 1976 "Writing A History of Charles County"; No. 12, May, 1977 "The Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Survey: What It Is And What It Does"; No. 13, October, 1977 "Friendship House Dedication"; No. 14, March, 1978 "Presentation of Newly Acquired Furnishings For Friendship Made At Historical Society Meeting"; No. 15, January, 1979 "An Old House Burned"; No. 16, May, 1979 "The Revolutionary Soldiers of Charles County"; No. 17, October, 1979 "Future Historians Depend on You"; No. 18, February, 1980 "Insights Into the American Revolution In Charles County In 1781 As Revealed By Letters of Daniel Jenifer To Governor Thomas Simm Lee"; No. 19, May, 1980 "Dr. James Craik, George Washington's Physician and Friend - Part I"; No. 20, September, 1980 "Dr. James Craik - Part II".

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A Revolutionary War Soldier

by Susan Shaffer

Samuel Luckett

Father: Ignatius

Mother: Margaret _____

born: 1756, in Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County,
Maryland

died: 1828, in Barren County, Kentucky

married (1): Before 1775, Monica Kennedy

children: William Luckett

Francis H. Luckett

Samuel enlisted in Captain John Hoskins Stone's company of the Flying Camp, Smallwood's Regiment in July 1776. He participated in the early campaigns around New York and in early December was discharged in Philadelphia. On 10 December, he enlisted in the First Maryland Regiment under Colonel John Hoskins Stone as a private, but served as a sergeant. On 27 December 1779, he returned to Charles County where he served in the company of Captain Francis Mastin of the Militia. In the Maryland State Papers there is an account and receipt for supplies with Lieutenant Samuel Luckett on 14 October 1780.

His wife must have died sometime before 1790, because the census of the year shows Samuel as the head of a household in Charles County, with two boys under the age of sixteen, but no women. There are two Samuel Lucketts listed in the 1790 census, but our gentlemen is referred to as "Luckett, Samuel, of Ign."

married (2): sometime after 1790, Elizabeth Cox

children: Susannah Luckett

Mary Luckett

Samuel Luckett

John L. Luckett

David Luckett

Nancy Luckett

Anna Ware Luckett

On 20 October 1806, Samuel sold to Ignatius Luckett for \$250 property called "Frog Nest", "Slippe", and "Aspinal".

The Sources for this article were:

The Lucketts of Portobacco by Harry Wright Newman, published 1938

An Inventory of Maryland State Papers, Vol. I

Other material came from Charles County Courthouse, La Plata and the Southern Maryland Room, Charles County Community College

Sometime afterward he left Maryland for Kentucky. In May 1818 he applied for a Revolutionary pension as a Lieutenant in Maryland Militia. He stated in his application that he was crippled in the left shoulder and foot and in the right hip, and was unable to pursue his occupation as farmer. He said the injuries, occurred at Kemble's Farm in New Jersey, when he was constructing quarters for the soldiers.

On 6 October 1825, he received a land grant from the State of Kentucky for 215 acres lying on Seage's Creek in Barren County.

Samuel Luckett dated his will 17 April 1828, and it was probated in Barren County in October 1828.



A Report on the Oral History Committee of the Charles County Historical Society

by Susan Shaffer

Through the efforts of eight La Plata High School students working under the Community Based Learning and Service Program during the 1980 Fall Semester, the Southern Maryland Room has acquired a number of audio tapes containing interviews of Charles County residents having first hand knowledge of the topic recorded. These students were trained to conduct interviews by the speech teacher at the Charles County Community College, Mrs. Shirlee Levin. Most of the interviews concerned recollections about schools in Southern Maryland. The Spring 1981 Semester will see the return of two members of the eight member team plus four additional volunteers.

These young students are very enthusiastic about this project, however, the Staff of the Southern Maryland Room needs members of the Society to volunteer their assistance. If you know of someone who should be interviewed about any aspect of early Charles County or Southern Maryland life, customs, etc., or if you yourself are interested in learning oral history techniques, please contact the author through the Southern Maryland Room at the College. (934-2251, Ext. 331)

During the Spring, probably during May, the College will conduct an Oral History Workshop for anyone interested. Details will be made available later.

News from the Cemetery Committee

by Michael Mazzeo

The Cemetery Committee in cooperation with La Plata High School has had a group of five students from the high school working with us under the Community Based Learning and Service Program. These students, along with a sponsor from the Historical Society, have been going out every Monday since September 15, 1980 transcribing tombstones.

The students and sponsors have been very successful and have transcribed 1823 tombstones. The students for this first semester have been Paul Diley, Ken Doyle, Billy Hunsberger, John Millbrook and Laurie Wright. The sponsors were Corky Huber, Gilbert Milstead, Margaret Langley, Dorothy Wilson, Spencer Milstead, Preston Williams and Charles LaHood.

The cemeteries recorded were the graves on the Hampton Farm; graves on Burgess Farm, Riverside; the Alexander Methodist Church, Chickamuxen; the Old Nazarene Cemetery, Stump Neck; St. Paul's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Waldorf; Trinity Church Cemetery, New Port; the Church Cemetery on Rt. 231, Hughesville; Brice Chapel Cemetery, Hughesville; the United Methodist Church Cemetery, Dentsville; St. Mary's Church Cemetery, New Port; the Pomonkey Metropolitan Church Cemetery; Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Marbury; Mansion Hall Cemetery; Chickamuxen Heights Cemetery; and the Old St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery, Bryantown.

Danny Fluhart has recently recorded the Old Field Episcopal Church Cemetery in Hughesville and Rosemary and Larry Stewart have recently recorded the Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Newburg. With their stones, the stones previously recorded and with the stones from Preston Williams and from the students, we now have a total of 7239 tombstones recorded.

The second semester for the Community Based Learning and Service Program will begin February 3, 1981. Four new students will help us and the Cemetery Committee has decided to divide the group up so that we can hopefully record twice as many this semester. For this reason, we will need more sponsors than last time, or a total of 36. The Cemetery Committee will be calling members of the Historical Society to get volunteers as sponsors to go to the cemeteries on a Tuesday with these students. The Committee has also organized section coordinators to call members in a particular area to enquire about cemeteries we do not know about. The section coordinators are:

- Margaret Langley - Bryantown, Benedict, Hughesville area
- Dorothy Wilson - La Plata area
- Rosemary Stewart - Indian Head area
- Julie Ford - Bryans Road, Pomfret, Pomonkey area
- Mary Collins - White Plains, Waldorf area
- Preston Williams - Nanjemoy area

We will also be calling members to help us type the tombstone information on index cards. Please look forward to hearing from us.

If anyone would like to volunteer please contact any member of the Cemetery Committee:

- Michael Mazzeo, Chairman 743-3452
- Mary Collins 645-4392
- Julie Ford 645-3434
- Corky Huber 246-4165
- Margaret Langley 274-3249
- Gilbert Milstead 246-4676
- Spencer Milstead 743-7603
- Rosemary Stewart 292-2508
- Preston Williams 246-4896
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Book Review

Inventory of Historic Sites in Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County. Revised Edition, August 1980. Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. \$10.00

by Paul L. Berry *

Anyone with a strong interest in the historic buildings of Southern Maryland will appreciate this recently published reference book, although its principal value is as an index to historic sites rather than as a fully descriptive source for information about the area's historic buildings.

The Maryland Historical Trust, an agency of the State of Maryland, is responsible for developing information about the historic sites within the State, including the creation and maintenance of a thorough inventory of such sites. In this effort it is aided by trained volunteers in each county. While the full inventory records are maintained in the Trust's offices in Annapolis, brief summaries have been published for several areas in Maryland. In 1973 the Trust published its first inventory for three southern Maryland counties - Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's - a publication that listed 475 sites (195 in Charles County). The 1980 revised edition contains listings for 915 sites, divided into separate sections for each of three counties. Each county section has a brief historical introduction, followed by the inventories of "Sites with Existing Structures" and "Sites of Archeological Significance." The section ends with a map and an index. There are over 200 photographs within the text and 11 drawings. Buildings and sites included in the National Register of Historic Places are identified. The section on Charles County lists 288 sites (208 with structures and 80 of archeological significance) and has 62 photographs.

The definition of historic sites, as used by the Trust, is quite broad: "... buildings, structures, districts, objects, and locations of historical significance," as stated in the Inventory's "Preface." Even so, it is a bit disturbing to find that the definition applies to such a recent activity as the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (listed as the "... first and only nuclear power electric generating facility in Maryland"). In addition to the expected 17th and 18th century buildings and sites, there are numerous 19th century buildings - houses, churches, barns, railroad stations, and even an amusement park. Charles County is represented by its well-known historic sites, including a significant number in Port Tobacco.

*Mr. Berry is a student of Southern Maryland and sometime resident of Calvert County.

Most of the listings in the Inventory are brief, usually no more than five or six sentences. A few of the more noteworthy early buildings have longer listings, but the Inventory is not a substitute for the various books on architectural history, county histories, or that handy reference book Maryland: A Guide to the Old Line State. The photographs in the Inventory, even though small, are unusually interesting. Since the county maps are intended by the Trust to provide only generalized site locations (they even lack town names or highway numbers) it would be difficult to find a site from one of the maps without further assistance from other sources such as the Maryland Guide.

All significant early building in the three counties appear to be included in the Inventory, although a few notable archeological sites have not been identified, such as those of Bond Castle in Calvert County, an early house of architectural importance which is described in the books by H. C. Forman, and Calvert Town, the 17th century port and county seat of Calvert County until 1725. Despite some shortcomings, however, the Inventory presents effectively the results of the efforts of the Trust's staff and local citizens to document the many physical locations that are worthy of preservation. County officials and interested citizens will find this work invaluable in land use planning. The collector of Maryland history also will find this a useful library addition.

THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND ROOM.

BOOKS

- Behind The Maryland Scene \$ 7.35
(Women of Influence 1600 - 1800) By The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Maryland
- Betty's Delight 1.00
(A Summary of Happenings) Published by the Historical Society of Charles County
- Flags and Seals of Maryland and of The United States 1.00
by The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Maryland
- Four Seasons on a Colonial Potomac Plantation 2.63
Photos by John Kopp, Diary By David O. Percy
- A History of the One and Two-Room Schools in Charles County 3.00
Charles County Retired Teachers Association, 1976
- The Life of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd 15.75
by Nettie Mudd (signed by Dr. Mudd's grandchildren, 1979)
- Living in Southern Maryland 1.00
Volume 1, No. 2 - Fall 1980, Editor, Virginia McGovern
- Mount Air, Charles County, Maryland 1.00
(The Story of an Early Maryland Estate) Publication of the Historical Society of Charles County
- The Simmons and Welch Family of Charles County, Maryland 15.75
By Michael Joseph Mazzeo, Jr.

This Was Potomac River 24.00
by Frederick Tilp

William Smallwood 4.00
(Children's book) by Joan Sutton and Arthur Woody

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